## THE BUDDHISTS.

A Look at the Worshipers of the Greatest Religion of the World.

Their Costiy Idols and their Wonderful Temples-Description of a New Eight-Million-Dollar Structure in Japan-Saw-logs Dragged by Ropes of Human Hair-Lanterns as Big as Hogsheads, and Idols as High as a Four-story House-The Wonderful Temples of Siam, and the Mountain of Gold which has been Built Over Four of Buddah's Hairs in Burmah-Something about Religion in India-Makometanism in the Far East, and a Word About the Greatest Mosques of the World-How the Mahometans are Proselyling, and Something About the Buddhist Missionaries Who Will Shortly Come to the United States.

Special Correspondence NATIONAL TRIBUNE.



HE Japanese Buddhists propose to send missionaries to America, and it is said that a number of priests will begin preaching in this country. The Buddhists have in the past been one of the great proselyting religions of the world, They already have a the United States, and I found several well-

enthusiastic over its doctrines. There are in a simpressive as a church service in America. the world more than twice as many Buddhists as Protestant Christians, and they number 140,000,000 more than the Roman Catholics. Japan, China, Farther India, and Hindostan have their Buddhists by the millions, and you will find them in the most out-of-the-way countries of the backwoods of Asia. They are of different sects, and there are a dozen different kinds in Japan alone. The religion embraces one-fourth of all the people of the world, and in Kiota, which is a city of the size of Cincinnati, there are 3,500 Buddhist temples. There are 20,000 Buddhist priests in Bangkok, and some of their temples in Siam cover many



acres. The Buddhist temples of Japan number 72,000, and I visited a temple in the western part of that country which was just about comleted, and which had cost \$8,000,000 to build. Its workshops covered acres, and everything about it was being made by hand. Logs four feet long were being sawed into boards, and 500 men were working at the building. There are few buildings in the United States which have cost \$8,000,000. The new Library building at Washington is not to cost more than \$5,000,-000, and the State, War and Navy Department building, which is the biggest granite building in the world, cost only about \$12,000,000. It is as cheap to build in Japan as it is in this country, and this temple would be an ornament to any land. It is an evidence of the vitality of the Buddhist religion, and you will find new temples being built in many parts of | emerald among its precious stones.

It was at this temple that I saw one of the ligion over its followers. The temple was built catirely of wood, and the immense rafters had to be hapled up by ropes. The logs used for making the boards were dragged by ropes for many miles, and the ropes used for these purposes measured thousands of feet. They were of all sizes, from as big as a clothes-line to the thickness of a fence-post, and I saw some which measured a foot in diameter. These ropes were brownish black, and upon examining them I found them made of human hair. No waman thinks more of her locks than the Japanese women. Yet 200,000 women had cut off their hair and given it to make these ropes as an offering to Buddia. Some of these ropes were 2,000 feet long, and on one side of the temple they hung in long strands from the roof to the first floor, making a screen nearly 100 feet high and 20 feet wide, and so thick that they shut big Pyramid, and it is a mass of brick and out the light. I fingered them as I passed by, they hang down like the tail of a horse in



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variegated colors. One cable contained the away a handful as a memento, but as I thought of the eacrifice made by the maidens who gave the hair, it seemed sacreligous, and I left the ropes as they were. They will be kept in the temple after it is completed, and will have an honored place among its works. This gift is all the more wonderful when it is remembered that the Buddhist religion gives but little to weman. She is supposed to be altogether bad, and her only hope of salvation is in being born again into the body of a man, and through him getting to Heaven.

A religion, however, which can build an \$8,090,000 temple is by no means dead, and ] met a priest of another sect in Kiota who told me that the income of his church was \$200,000 & year. This was Mr. Akamatzu, a short, slender, bald-headed man of 45. I had to take off my shoes before entering his church, and I eat in my stocking feet while I talked. He spoke as good English as I did, and he told me that he had been educated in England. His theory of the Buddhist religion was a beautiful one, but it was far more advanced than that held by the average Asiatic. He discussed with me the transmigration of souls, and said that the good man, by well doing, was sure to be born with a better soul during the next transmigration, and that by being good there he rose a step higher, and thus went on until he reached Nirvana, or Heaven. He told me that Nirvana meant a state of eternal happiness. In it all the had in man's nature is eliminated, and the good coninues to grow. It is the state of the extinc-

ion of the evil passions of mankind and of the

happiness which comes from the appreciation lowest and wickedest of men went into the as hogsheads hung from its coilings, and its walls were decorated with the finest of Japanese



carving and brass work. I watched with him number of followers in | the service conducted by a Buddhist priest who sat on the floor and read from a manuscript a sermon in a sing-song tone. There were a educated Americans few bareheaded men and women and children in Tokio who pro- in gowns squatting on their beels listening to fessed to believe in Buddhism, and who were | him, and the whole was very solemn and quite

> This sort of Buddhism, however, is not the average Buddhism of the East. I found idolatry everywhere in Japan, and I found the priests juggling the people. At every temple there was one or more fortune-tellers, and these baldheaded Buddhisis were prophesying for a consideration everywhere. In one of the temples in China I found a lot of sacred hogs, and at Nikko there is a sacred pony which you may feed with holy beans at a cent a plate. Every other country temple has its stone foxes which are worshiped, and at Benares, among the Brahmins, I fed the sacred bulls with my own hands and rode out to the monkey temple, where about a hundred monkeys are among the hely surroundings. In some of the Indian temples you find crocodiles, and I have already told you of the wonderful brass mule which lies in a temple outside of Peking, and which will core your aches and pains if you rub the sore spots of your body against him. The | Mahal in its beauty. The biggest mosque in doctor Buddhas all over Japan are numerous, the world is that of Santo Sophia at Constantiand I found not a few whose stomachs when rubbed against yours were supposed to have the fourth century, and it was for ages the the effect of bicarbonate of soda and to cure | finest Christian church in the world. It took the colic.

are wonderful. Dai Butsu, which I visited, near Yokohoma, is a brass statue as big as a four-story house. Its base is 100 feet in circumference, and its month is over three feet wide. It is a work of wonderful art, and had ground two acres in extent. It has a dome bigthe Greeks known it they would have made it one of the seven wonders of the world. There is a Buddha nearly as big at Nara, in the western part of Japan, and I saw one in Bangkok which was 150 feet long, and which, lying on its elbow with its head on its hand, was, I judge, about as high as a telegraph-pole. This Buddha was washed with gold, but the gold plate was peeling off, and I was able to carry away a few slices by taking them when the priest was not looking. They were of no value except as relies. There is another idol equally large in the interior of Stam, and there is a third said to be 200 feet high. This monument | Mexican onyx. Well, this alabaster is of the | your attention to what they are pleased to call | B. Dewey. sits in tailor fashion-and this, by the way, is the favorite attitude of Buddha. He crosses his legs and puts his thumbs together as though he were going to twirl them. There, with a peaceful look, he rests throughout the ages. These Stamese idols are very costly. They are plated with gold, and hundreds of thousands of dollars go every year into the gold-plating of the Burmese and Siamese idols. In Siamese history there is a description of an idol which costs \$219,000 to plate, and there are a number of temples in Bangkok which have cost over \$100,000 each. The Emerald Idol is made of gold and silver and precious stones melted togther. It is only about a foot high and it is kept on a pedestal so high, near the roof of the temple, that it is impossible to get a good idea of it. Diamonds, supphires and rubies were mixed in with the melted gold, and it has a wonderful

In Burmah you find idols by the thousands, and the Golden Pagoda of Rangoon is one of the



RINGING UP BUDDHA.

monument has a base bigger than that of the mortar mixed with gold, which rises in the The hair was of different shades, from the shape of a series of pyramidal cones until it is silky brown of the maiden to the silvery white | higher than any building in America save the of the old woman. Long strands were braided monument. Its spire is tailer than that of St. in with short ones, and at the end of the ropes | Paul's Cathedral of London, and its outside is plated with pure gold. It is solid, and it shines under the blazing sunlight like a mighty tower of solid gold. The Buddhists are still working at it, and every year or two a new coat of gold goes on it. Not long ago one of the Buddhist Kings vowed he would give his own weight in gold to it. He was a pretty heavy fellow, and it took 170 pounds of gold to pay his vow. He bought \$45,000 worth of gold-leaf, and it all went into this menument. This monument was originally very small, but shell after shell of mortar and gold has been added to it until it has cost millions. While I was in Burmah there was a vast scaffolding around its top and the jewelers were working at its base. On the scaffolding near the top of the golden mountain there was a big golden umbrella being put in place, and this golden umbrella was studded with jewels. It was made 18 years ago and it then cost \$200,000. About two years ago a blizzard swep ever Rangoon and shook this to the ground, and the jewels and gold were scattered in all directions. It is now being replaced, and I am told that the people are very liberal in giving. There are several hundred odd Buddhas around this great golden tower. You find dozens of little temples and booths on hair of 2,000 women, and some of the ropes | the platform about it, and I stood and watched were worn thin by use. I was tempted to take a couple of Burmese girls having their fortunes



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told while I made my notes of its wonders. I of the true, the beautiful and the good in all | walked around it and found it about a quarter its perfection. He told me that the higher of a mile in circumference. Stone elephants classes of Buddhists did not believe in hell, and | were ranged about it, with their heads pointing that the blazing fire and freezing water were | toward it, and on the top of each of these were synonyms for the regret that one felt for | laid flowers by the worshipers. Here and doing evil. He said that he believed that the | there I saw women and men kneeling and praying, and I made inquiries as to what was souls of beasts and insects after they left this | the cause of placing this mountain of gold on world, and he gave me to understand that his | this particular spot. I was told that it all came religion was one of faith and works. In com- from four hairs of Buddha which had been pany with him I went through his temple. It | planted here, and one of the legends concerning was a magnificent structure, which must have | the Golden Pagoda is that there is in the incost millions of dollars. Brass lanterns as big | terior a shaft running from the top down to the basement, and filled with gold and silver and precious stones. The monument is hundreds of years old, and whether this is true or not no one knows.

Buddha came from India, but you do not find great number of his followers in that country to-day. The idols of India are not so grand as those of Japan, Siam or Burmah, and their temples, as a rule, will not compare in size and extent with those of these countries. One and its greatest work was one red bair from Mahomet's mustache. A greasy priest showed glass and would not let me touch it. There are thousands of temples at Benares, and you find Hindoo temples everywhere. Nearly every man has a little god of his own in his house, and I witnessed not a few sacrifices. In one of the native States at Japore I visited the it. I arrived just at the time of the sacrifice priest chop off a goat's head with one stroke of a sword.

The most beautiful mosque in the world is



BURMESE MONASTERY AT RANGOON, of white marble, and it compares with the Taj pople. It was built as a Christian church in a hundred architects to superintend its construction and 10,000 masons worked on it at The monuments to religion in the far East | the same time. Its altar was made of precious stones sank in gold and silver, and it had doors of ivory and ebony and cedar. There is enough Mosaic in its roof to carpet an aere field and its forest of columns would make a picnic ger and grander than that of our Capitol. Its walls are lined with precious marbles. Its cornices are of gilded brass, and it takes 7,500 lamps to light it. I visited it when 5,000 Mahometans were praying in it, and they bobbed up and down with the regularity of the movements of a great army, and when they thomped their heads on the floor the noise came up to boom of a cannon.

There is a mosque in Cairo made of alabas.



BURMESE BUDDHA PRIESTS.

same character, and the interior and exterior of most beautiful mosques in the world is that which stands on the temple in Jerusalem. It cost many hundreds of thousands of dollars to build. The Mahometans own it and they consider it the holiest place outside of Mecca.

Speaking of Mahometans, it will be a surprise to many to know that they are rapidly increasing in numbers. They have their missionaries scattered all over Africa, and they are bringing many converts to the faith. They are as ardent in the observance of their religion as we are, and they give fully as much to the church. I am surprised to find how strict ing and praying. They build new mosques whole world believes in the Mahometan reliin northern China. They have a mosque or two in Peking, and there are many of them in the western part of the Chinese Empire. Chigrims of the world to-day. All over Japan you wonderful photographs I have ever seen repre-



waters of a great river in south India, and all perfectly outlined in a single photograph abou two feet long and one foot wide.

Jerusalem is more of a pilgrimage city now than it has ever been, and there were tens of thousands of Russians in the fiely City when I visited it a year ago. Many of these had come from the borders of Siberia, and had walked all the way to Odessa, where they took the boat for the port of Jaffa. Many of them were Copts from Abyssinia, blackfaced negroes, who believe in a corrupt Christianity, and not a few Mahometans, who had come to worship at this mosque of Omar, which I have described as existing on the sight of Solomon's Temple. Pilgrims are beginning to go from the United States to Jerusalem, and the Jews from all over Europe are looking toward it as a place to go and die,

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The Nebraska Soldiers' Home. The report of the Visiting and Examining Board of the Soldiers and Sailors' Home of Nebraska to the Board of Public Lands and Buildings of the State of Nebraska shows that nstitution to be in a properous condition. Recommendations are made for various improvements to the house and grounds, and suggestions are also made to increase the authority of the Commandant regarding some of the changes which are thought desirable. The report shows that 12 deaths have occurred at the Home during the past year. The Home contained 115 members April 1, and 185 old soldiers were accommodated during the year,

A Serious Malady. [American Grocer.] Madame (to domestic who is ailing)-Well, Bridget, what does the doctor say about you? Bridget-Sure, ma'am, he says I have a little tetch o' the consumption!

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

ABROAD. It is stated that the Duke of Orleans, who is now imprisoned at Clairvaux for returning to | DURAND PORT ... France in violation of the law banishing from the country all pretenders to the throne and their heirs, has refused a proffer of his liberty by the Government, owing to the conditions imposed. It is expected that the Duke will be married while undergoing his imprisonment. SWEET MUSCATEL, OLD.

—Prince Napoleon has written a very indigBLACKBERRY BRANDY, NO. 3...
BLACKBERRY BRANDY, NO. 4... nant letter to President Carnot, of France, in which he assails that official for visiting the First Napoleon's birthplace while on a trip to

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES. The ten-year-old son of Farmer Granger, living near Sandy Hill, N. Y., shot and in stantly killed his three-year-old brother April 24, while the two were alone in the house.-An explosion of dynamite occurred in H. R. Doan's drug-store, Delevan, Wis. The building of the biggest mosques in the world I found at | was completely wrecked and the proprietor and Delhi. It had a court containing four acres, an unknown man killed. The cause of the explosion is a mystery .- Jane Arthur was burned to death in her house at Belleville, N. J., April 23, me this for a quarter, but he kept it under and her husband, Wm. Arthur, seriously, if not fatally burned. The couple were 60 years of age. - A fire broke out in the large building occupied by the Unicorn Silk Manufacturing Company of New York at Catasauqua, Pa., April 24. During the progress of the fire an explosion of vitriol and other acids occurred, and be-Palace of Amber, riding upon an elephant to fore the firemen could escape several of their number were caught by the falling walls. At to the bloody idol Kali, and saw a Hindoo least five were killed and a number seriously injured, some of whom will die .--- A boiler exploded near Flint, Mich., April 23. One person was killed outright and two others seriously hurt .--- Mrs. Slie, aged 80 years, was burned to death at Shelton, Conn., April 24.—Egbert Williamson, a coachman, was burned to death at Leaville, N.Y., April 22.— Andrew Foster and Will Jarnagin, two young farmers who reside at Gum, Tex., fought a duel April 21. Jarnagin was killed and Foster is fatally wounded, - John D. Morris, while traveling in Greer County, Tex., April 24, killed his two companions, W. E. Roberts and John Mows. No cause is assigned for the deed. -John Deay, a workman employed at the Central Colliery, Scranton, Pa., fell down a shaft, a distance of 300 feet April 22, and was instantly killed .--- A boiler explosion occurred which two men were killed and several injured.

GENERAL. The Secretary of State for Illinois has issued a license to the John Brown Liberty Museum at Chicago to purchase and remove to Chicago the building known as John Brown's Fort, at Harper's Ferry. Capital stock \$180,000. Incorporators, H. H. Beck, J. A. Coleman and Alfred Moore, --- The 68th anniversary of the birthday of Gen. Grant was celebrated at New York City, April 26. The hall where the services were held was profusely decorated with National colors and was crowded with distinguished men, including Gen. Sherman and other famous warriors. The exercises were very im-

THE WEATHER.

The Destructive Power of Tornadoes, BY LIEUT, J. P. FINLEY, U. S. SIGNAL SERVICE.

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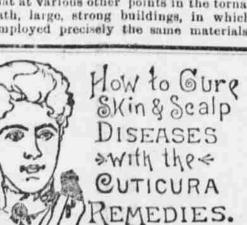
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There are people who ridicule the idea of an irresistible and overwhelming force in the tornado cloud. They view with an incredulous B. Lewis, Alonzo Alven, S. L. M. Proctor, Eliza smile the statements in the press and in pub- Staunton. Jane Reynolds, W. R. Scarlock, the galleries in which I was standing like the lie discussions, of the awful visitations in the Thomas Kelly, George Faulk, Cordelia W. wake of this death-dealing monster of the air. | Marshall, Abbie D. Johnson, Ellen Shears, Lucy They point to the peculiar tendencies of alarm- R. Olmstead, Elizabeth E. Groff, J. R. Petrie, ists, who are supposed to magnify dangers and Mary Van Etten, Henrietta A. Arlin, Mary ter. You have seen tables and clocks made of | needlessly excite nervous people. They invite the chronic exaggeration of the press, which always has to be toned down and apologized for, in a gentle sort of way, after the occurrence of the storm. This class of critics have invariably snuffed the tormado from afar. Their knowledge rests largely upon the extent and power of their imagination. They are natur- rolls. The Assistant Secretary finds that the of existence, where uninterrupted security and pleasure shall prevail. Their practical infor- dependence of mothers pensionable. The penperieuce, is limited to the productions of the camera and creations from the employment of printer's ink. There is another class of people who do not deny or ridicule the reported violence of the tornado, but who, on the contrary, believe their location to be out of the path of these storms, and are waiting for the tornado to swoop down upon them and upset their belief. There are others who believe that their this mosque is covered with it. One of the | buildings can resist the force of any windstorm. and therefore rest in fancled security against the violence of the tornado's vortex. All of is also filled with Mosaics and it must have these assumed positions are defective and un- had a difficulty, approached from behind and reasonable, because extreme and indefensible. I refer of course to persons living within the

It is very difficult for those who have not experienced a tornado, or visited the path of one of these storms before the debris has been disturbed, to realize the appaling force of the wind. The stories told by eye-witnesses seem to the uninitiated the most extravagant descriptions, and almost wholly without foundathey are in keeping their religion, and in many | tion. To those people who have had experiways they could teach us lessons in churchgo- ence in these storms the truth is known and appreciated. Such people are well aware of right along, and there are now 210,000,000 of the danger in the event of a tornado, and are them in the world. About one-seventh of the | not loath to consider any means available for the protection of life and property. In the gion, and I found a great many of them among | article of the previous week, reference is made the Chinese, and they keep nearly all the inns | to the most desirable and practical means of

safety-the tornado cave and insurance. In some cases buildings, trees and other maferial located apparently in the midst of the nese Mahometans frequently make pitgrimages | tornado's path, escape with little or no injury, to Mecca, and these Asiatics are the great pil- | Safety in such cases is the source of marked attention on the part of the public. Conclusions will find pilgrims moving from one shrine to are immediately reached that the building was another. Millions of Hindoos are continually | saved by supernatural intervention or that it traveling from one part of Hindostan to an- possesses some peculiarity of construction that, other on pilgrimages, and one of the most in a mysterious way, resists the force of the wind. Then examinations are made of the sents 10,000 of these pilgrims bathing in the brick, the mortar, the stone, thickness of the walls, kind of cement used, exterior form, interior construction, kind of roof, number of windows, basement, heating, ventilation, etc., and in every one of these particulars, the curious and credulous people find a cause for the protection of the structure. Then will follow the swift and ill-digested conclusion that all buildings will beable to resist the violence of a tornado, if Akron cement, honest mortar, sun-baked bricks, Vermont granite, Michigan pine, Virginia spruce, Pittsburg steel, Harrison's conntry paint, etc., are used under the direction of John Paul Jones, contractor.

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PENSIONS.

Rulings and Decisions by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior and the Commissioner of Pensions, Assistant Secretary Bussey, in the pension claim of the widow of Robert Cook, late of Co. C, 1st Wis. Cav., overruled the former adverse at the Etna Mills, New Castle, Pa., April 23, by action of the Commissioner of Pensions and directed that the claimant's name be placed on the pension rolls. The claim was originally rejected on the ground that there had been 'failure to establish cause of death." The Assistant Secretary finds that the soldier sickened and died at the end of 28 months of continuous army service, and that while it does not distinctly appear from the record what was the technical nomenclature to which belonged the disease from which he died, he has no doubt that that disease, whatever its name, was contracted in and by reason of his military service. The widow will receive a pension from October 10, 1864. The Assistant Secretary has also rendered a favorable decision in the pension claim of the widow of William Findley, late of the 4th N. Y. H. A. The claim was rejected upon the ground that "the soldier's death from acute mania was not due to his military service.' After a full review of the testimony in the case the Assistant Secretary finds to the contrary and directs that pension issue to claimant. The President has approved the acts of Con-

gress granting pensions to Mary M. Gibson, Mattie W. House, Wm. Carroll, John J. Freeland, Elizabeth O. Gibson, Frederick Rischer, Amasa Chase, Robert Hill, Ann Ford, W. H. Bummer, Cynthia Day, Margaret J. Fletcher, Sarah M. Tavey, Bridget Carroll, Theresa Herbst, D. M. Maulding, George Colwell, John D. Prator, J. B. Tribble, Hiram Wilber, Henry S. Morgan, J. B. Lee, Julia Fleming, Helen S. Spring, John Taylor, Emma A. Hart, Horace Taffe, Carrie B. Wirtz, Lovina Wright, Helen

In the pension claim of Julia A. Cumner, as the dependent mother of V. S. Cumner, late of Co. H, 11th Me., Assistant Secretary Bussey has overruled the former action of rejection by the Commissioner of Pensions, and has directed that her name be placed upon the pensionally disposed to the building of ideal conditions | dependence of the mother was undoubtedly such as was contemplated in the act making mation about tornadoes, as well as personal ex- sion will date from 1864, and will aggregate in arrears something over \$3,000.

The Assistant Secretary has also rendered a decision in the case of Wm. Williford, late of Co. D, 6th Ill. Cav. The circumstances attending the incurrence of the disability for which pension is sought, as given by the soldier under oath, are, that after the first day's battle at Nashville, on Dec. 15, 1864, his regiment camped in line of battle, and it having fallen to his lot to take care of a number of horses, he was so engaged, when a soldier from another company, mistaking him for another with whom he had dealt him a blow on the head with a billot of wood, knocking him insensible. From this tornado regions of the United States, which are | injury he never fully recovered. The Assistnow known to be extensive and pretty well de- ant Secretary finds the facts substantially as stated above, and allows the claim.

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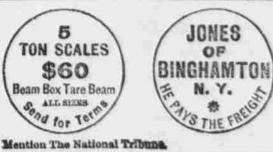
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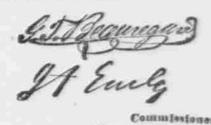


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